

Remove “Pilot” Designation From Pilot Program

The judges and staff of the State Bar Court, the Director and staff of the Lawyer Assistance Program, the Chief Trial Counsel and all respondents and Respondents’ counsel who responded to the written survey support the continuation of the Pilot Program. However, notwithstanding the strong support of the Program by the Chief Trial Counsel, a number of the Deputy Trial Counsel who responded to the survey did not believe that the Pilot Program should continue.

Nevertheless, the State Bar Court recommends that the Program should continue and that the “Pilot” designation should be removed. The State Bar Court is still considering potential alternatives for the name of the Program, but is currently considering “State Bar Court Program for Respondents with Substance Abuse or Mental Health Issues” and “Alternate Discipline Program for Impaired Attorneys.”